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LOK SABHA

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UNAUTHORISED PASSENGER IN RESERVED COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is no facility to travel without reservation in the IInd class reserved in long distance trains;

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing short distance passengers without reserved tickets to travel in reserved compartments; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to prevent this tendency and the direction given to Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. However, there are certain sections where there is a heavy demand for travel by short-distance passengers by trains which do not have significant occupation of reserved coaches of long distance trains. To meet the demand of such passengers, the Zonal Railways have been empowered to declare certain nominated Sleeper Class coaches as unreserved on a particular section during day time to enable the passengers holding unreserved Sleeper Class tickets to travel.

(c): The Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) are instructedto check and penalise unauthorised travel in reserved coaches. Apart from manning of reserved coaches by the ticket checking staff, intensive drives are also conducted by the Railways in association with the Police to prevent entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved compartments.